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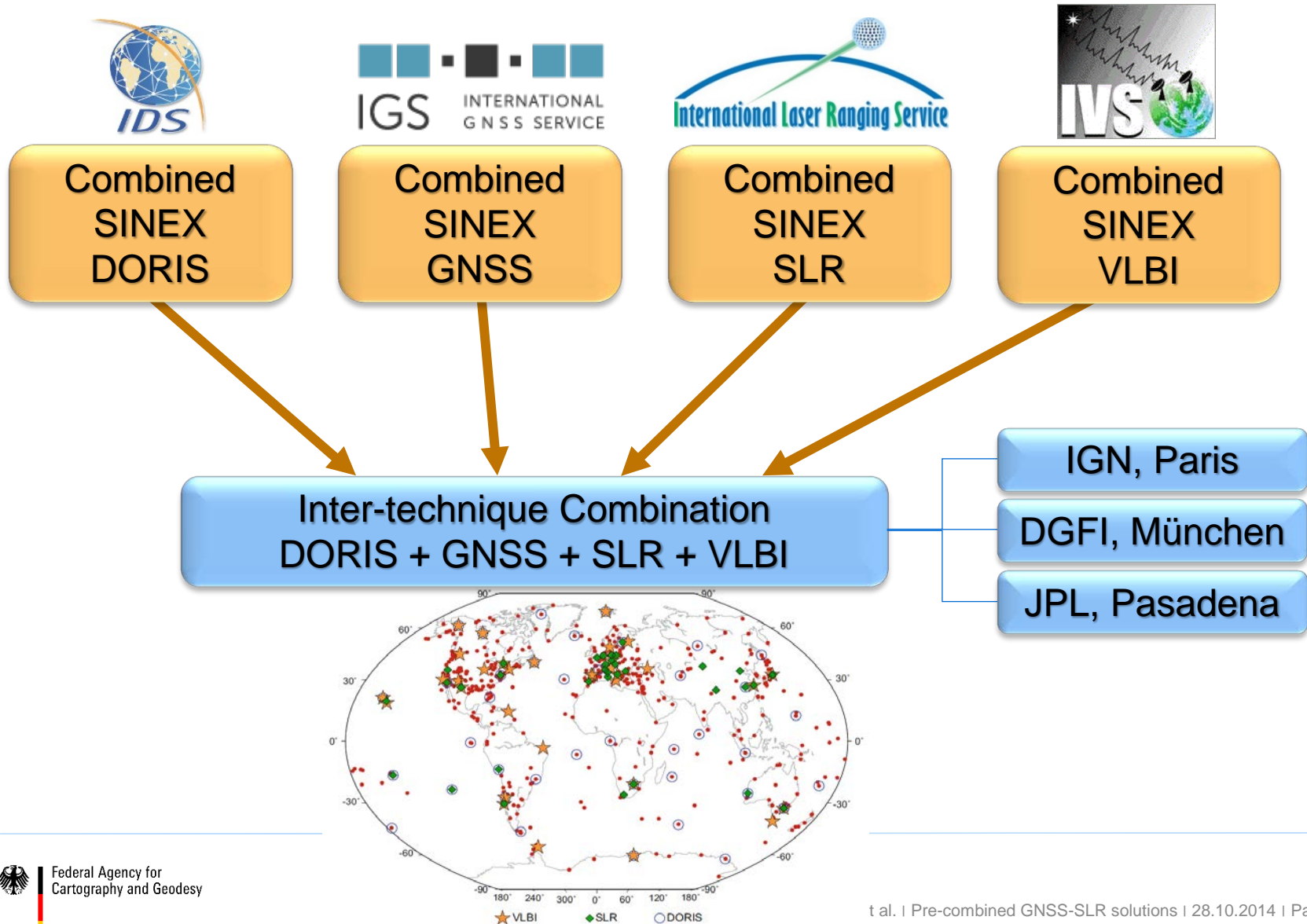
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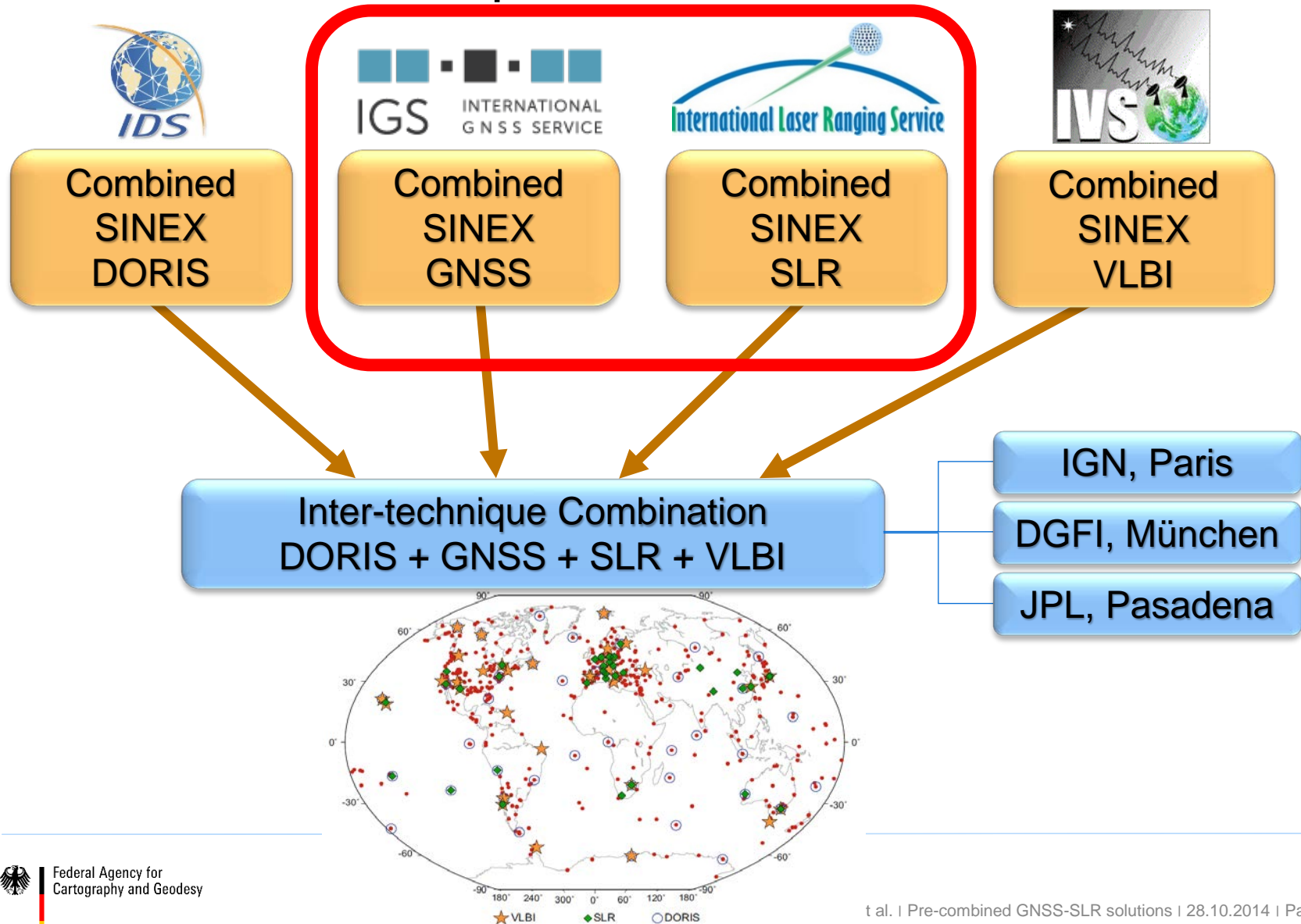
# Pre-combined GNSS-SLR solutions for the ITRF2013

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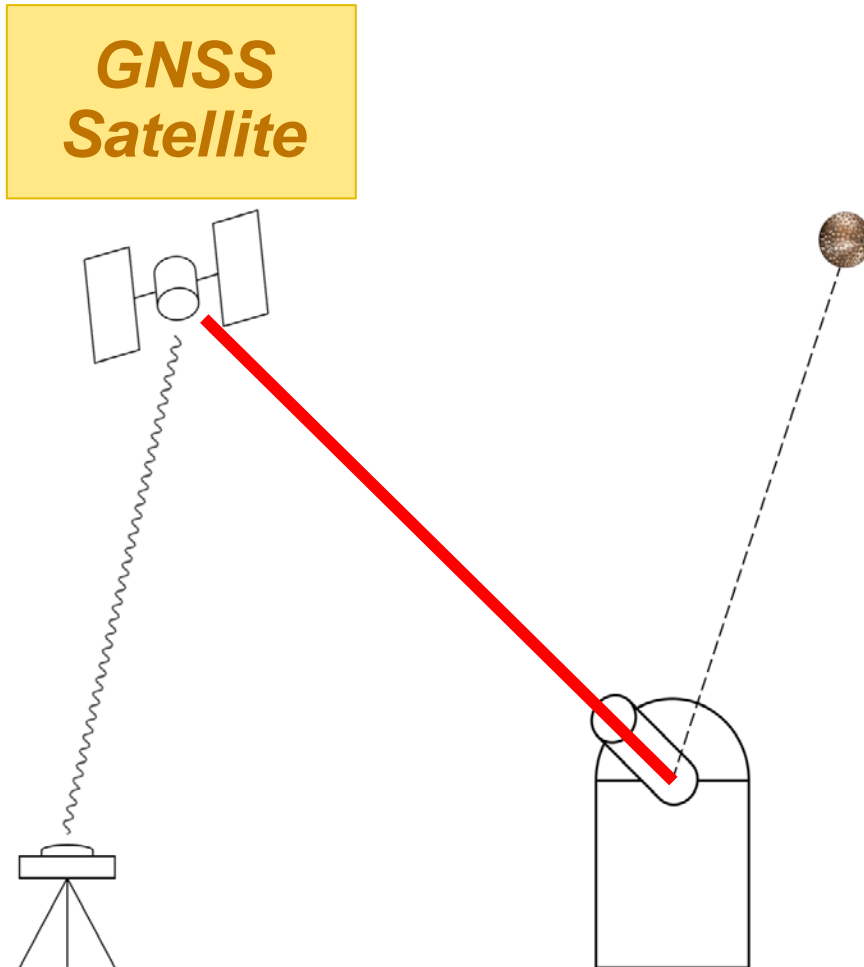
# Current ITRF approach



# Call for ITRF2013: pre-combined solutions



# Satellite co-locations GNSS-SLR

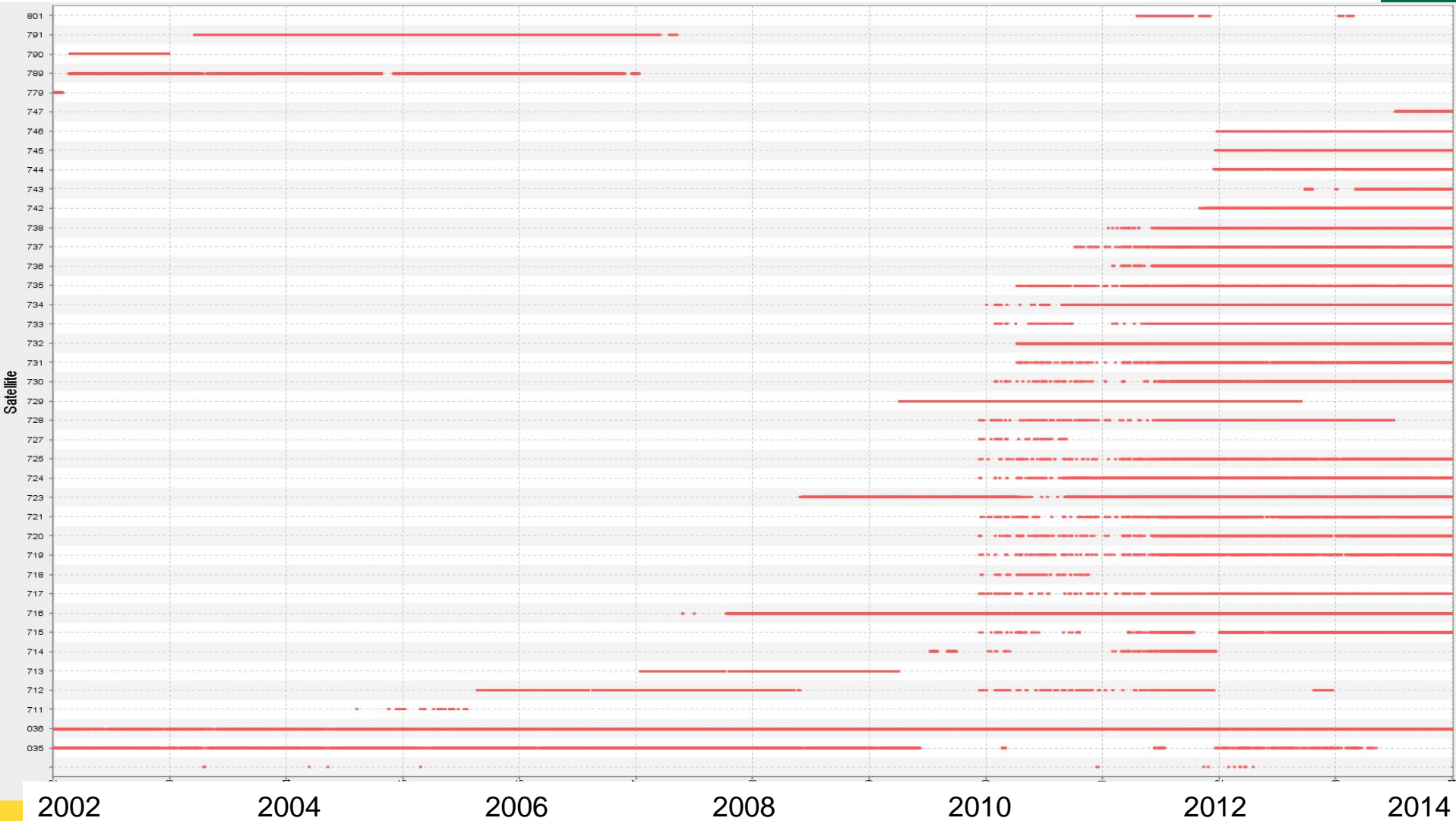


Additional information needed:

- Offset of **microwave satellite antenna** (w.r.t. Center-of-Mass)
- Offset of **laser retro-reflector array** (w.r.t. Center-of-Mass)

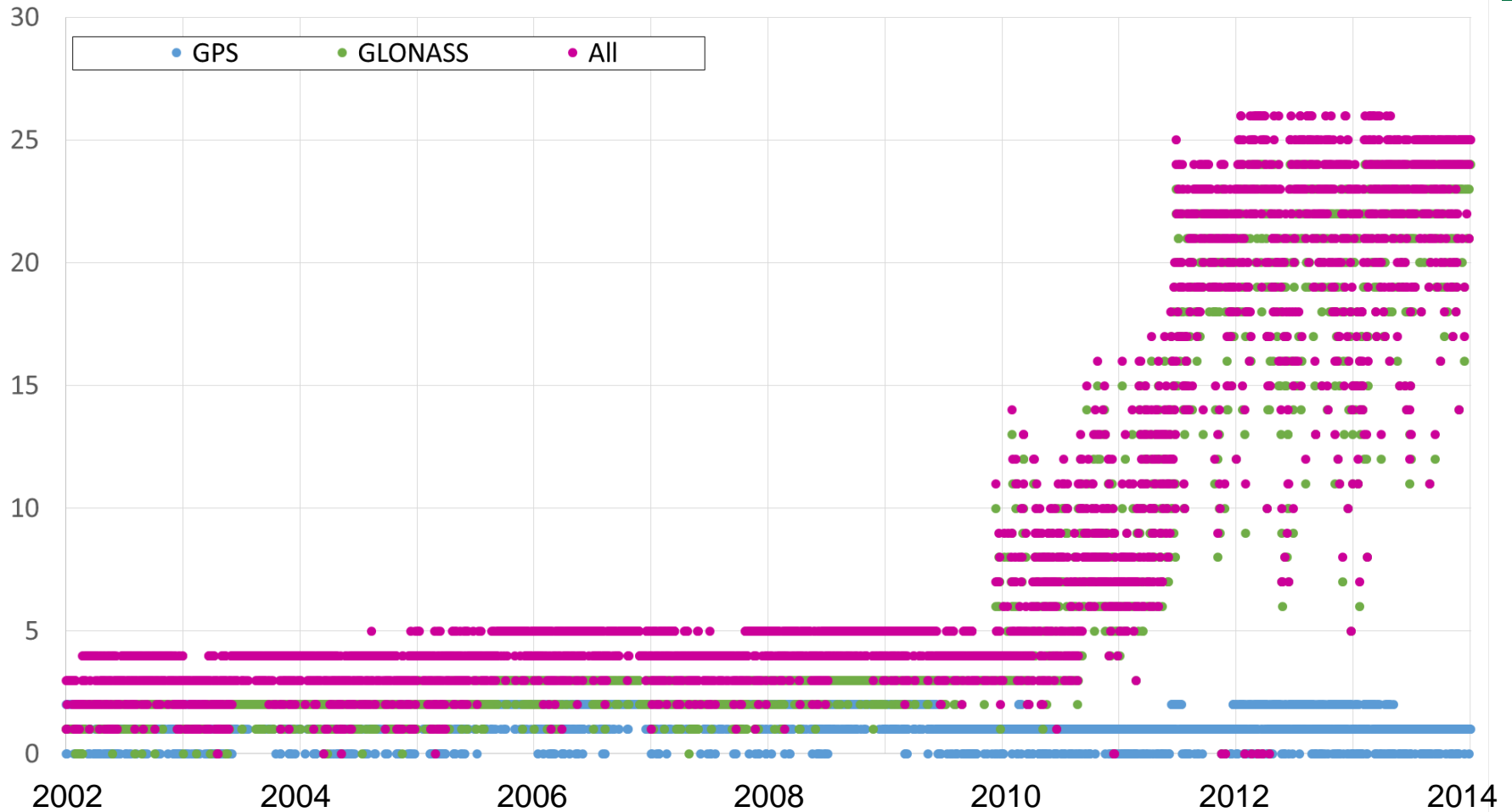
Stations do not need to be co-located !

# GNSS satellite co-locations



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# Satellites per day tracked by SLR



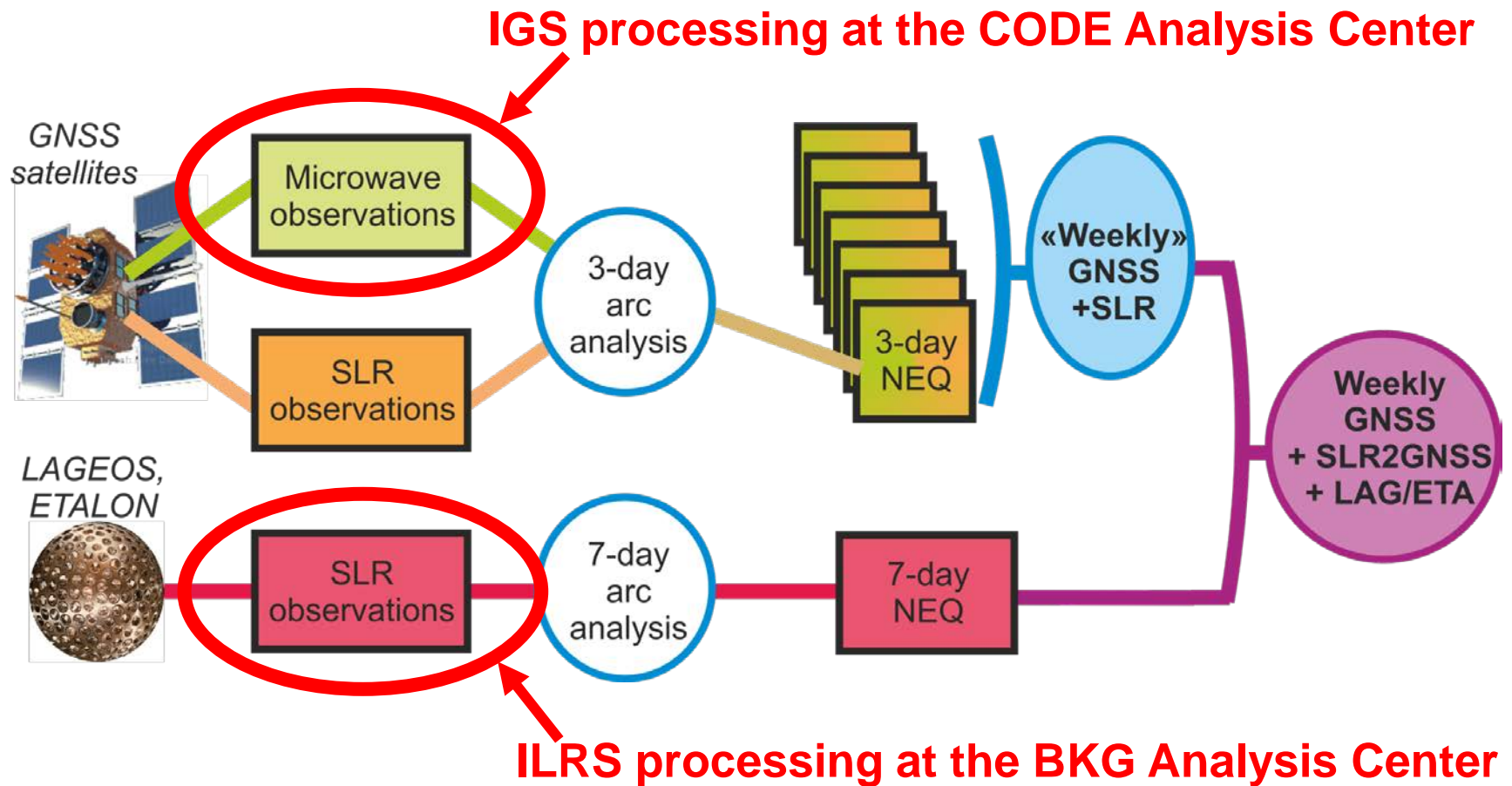
# GNSS satellite co-locations

# Stations per day that tracked GPS/GLONASS



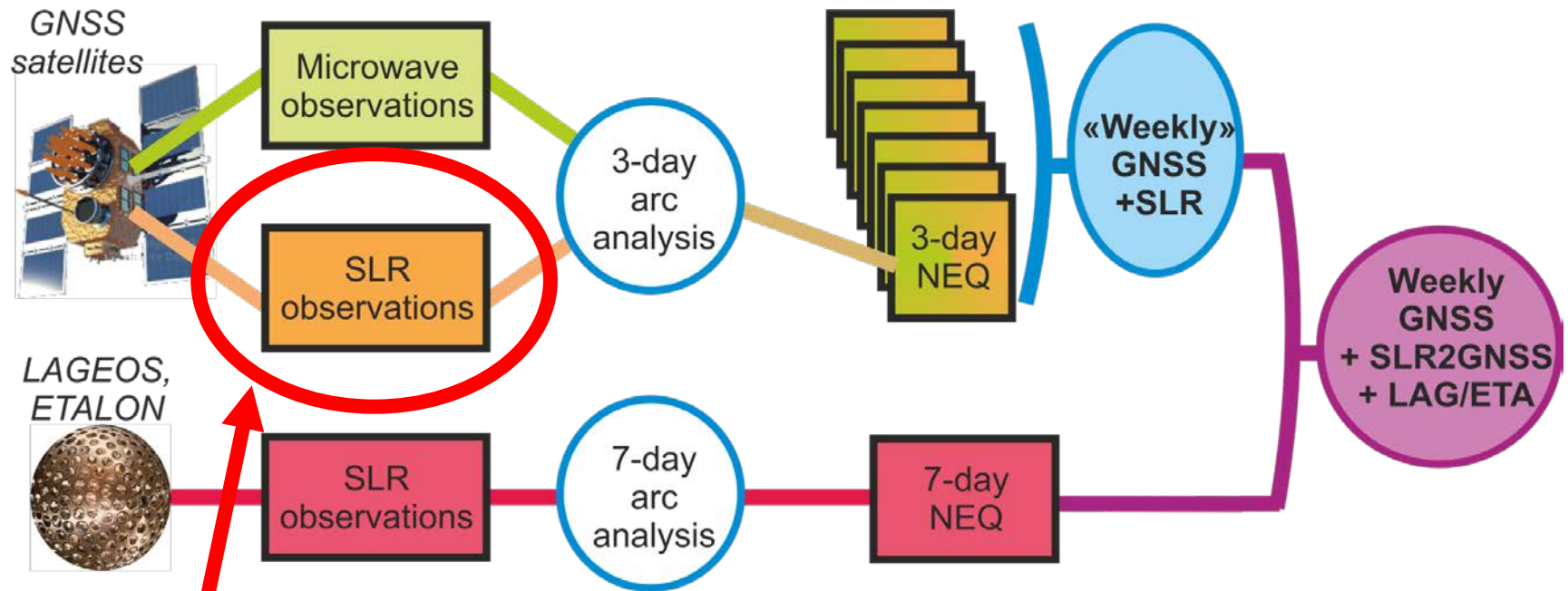


# Pre-combined GNSS-SLR solutions from CODE





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Using **co-locations at GNSS satellites** for connecting both techniques

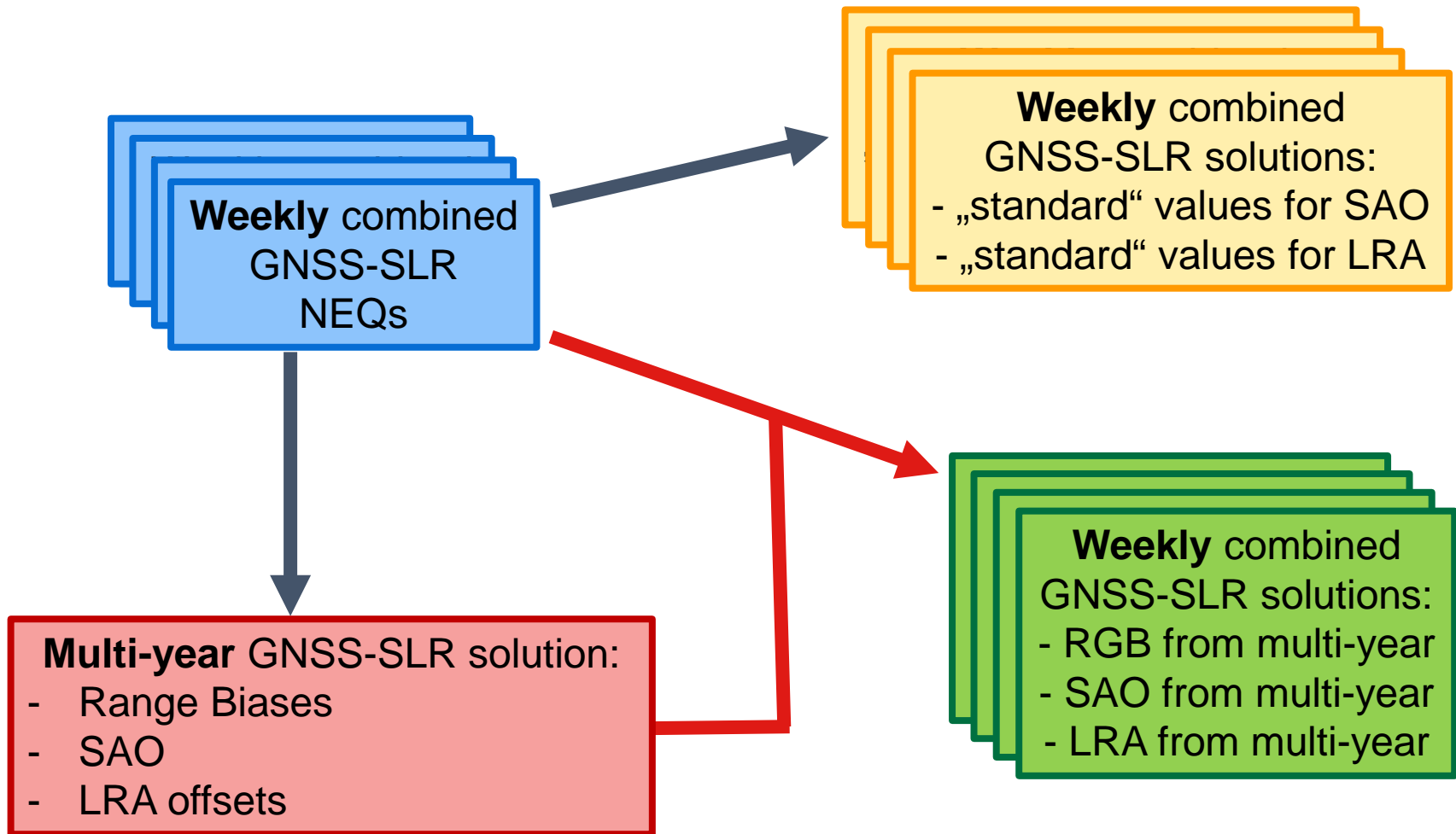
# Common parameters

**Direct** combination

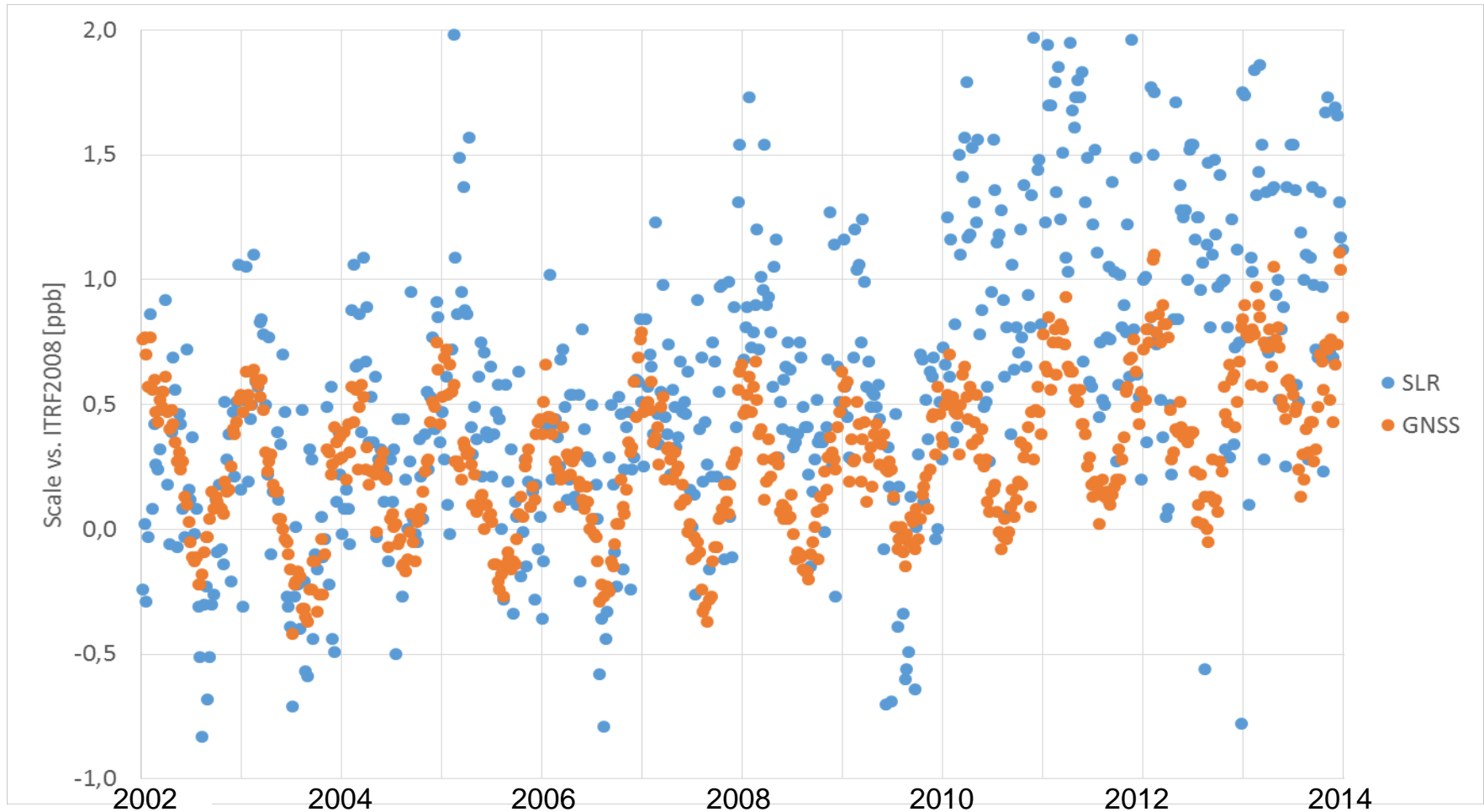
( **Indirect** combination by applying **correction terms** )

|                                | GNSS<br>microwave | SLR @<br>GNSS | SLR spherical<br>satellites |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Station coordinates            | GNSS              | SLR           | SLR                         |
| ERP                            | X                 | X             | X                           |
| Geocenter                      | X                 | X             | X                           |
| Orbits GNSS satellites         | X                 | X             |                             |
| Microwave Sat. antenna offsets | X                 |               |                             |
| Laser Reflector Array offsets  |                   | X             |                             |
| Range Biases                   |                   | X             | (X)                         |
| Orbits spherical satellites    |                   |               | X                           |

# Strategy for pre-combined solutions



# Scale w.r.t. ITRF2008

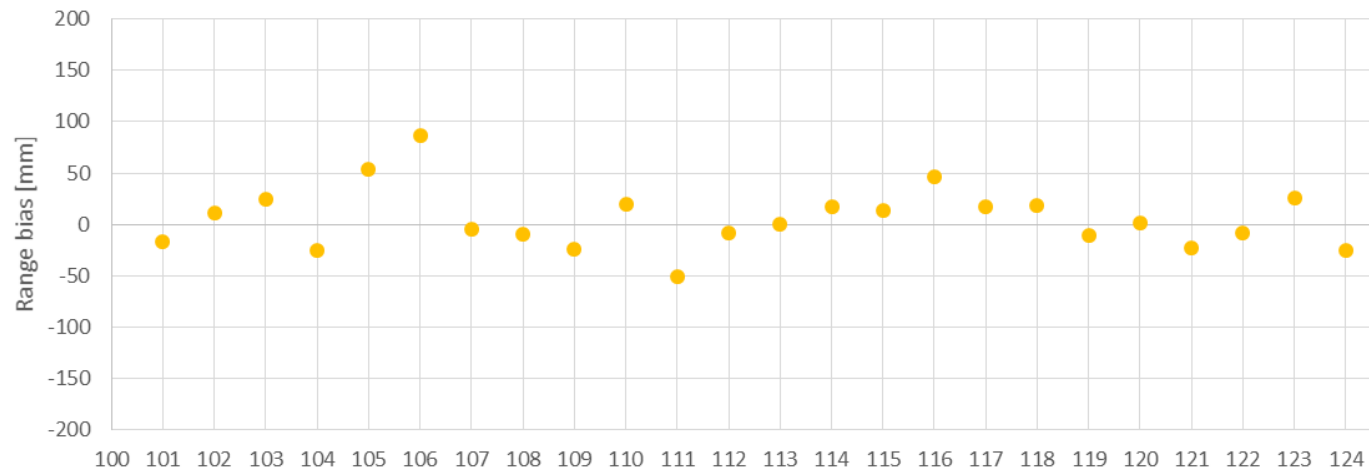


Mean SLR = 0.57 ppb

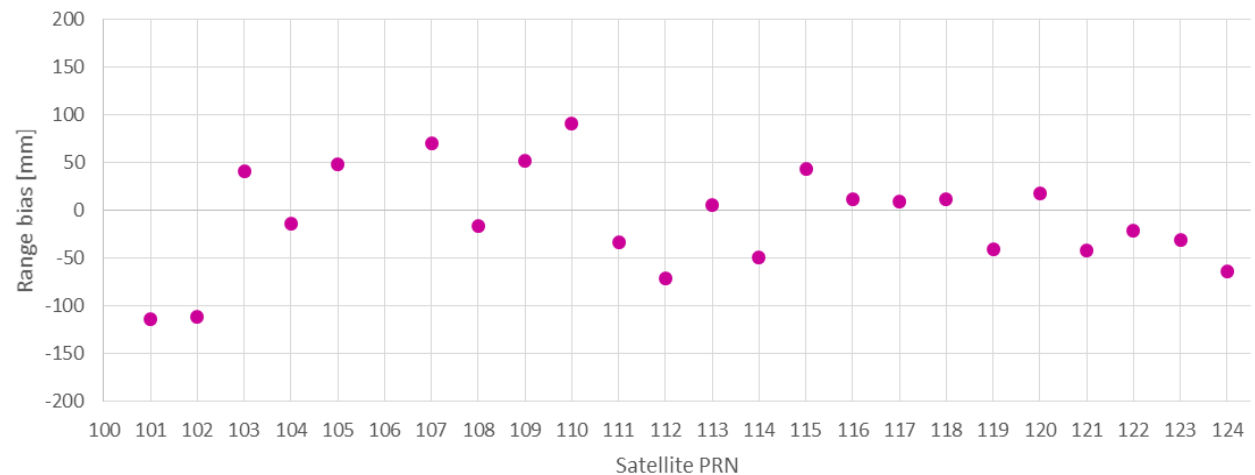
Mean GNSS = 0.28 ppb

# Range biases

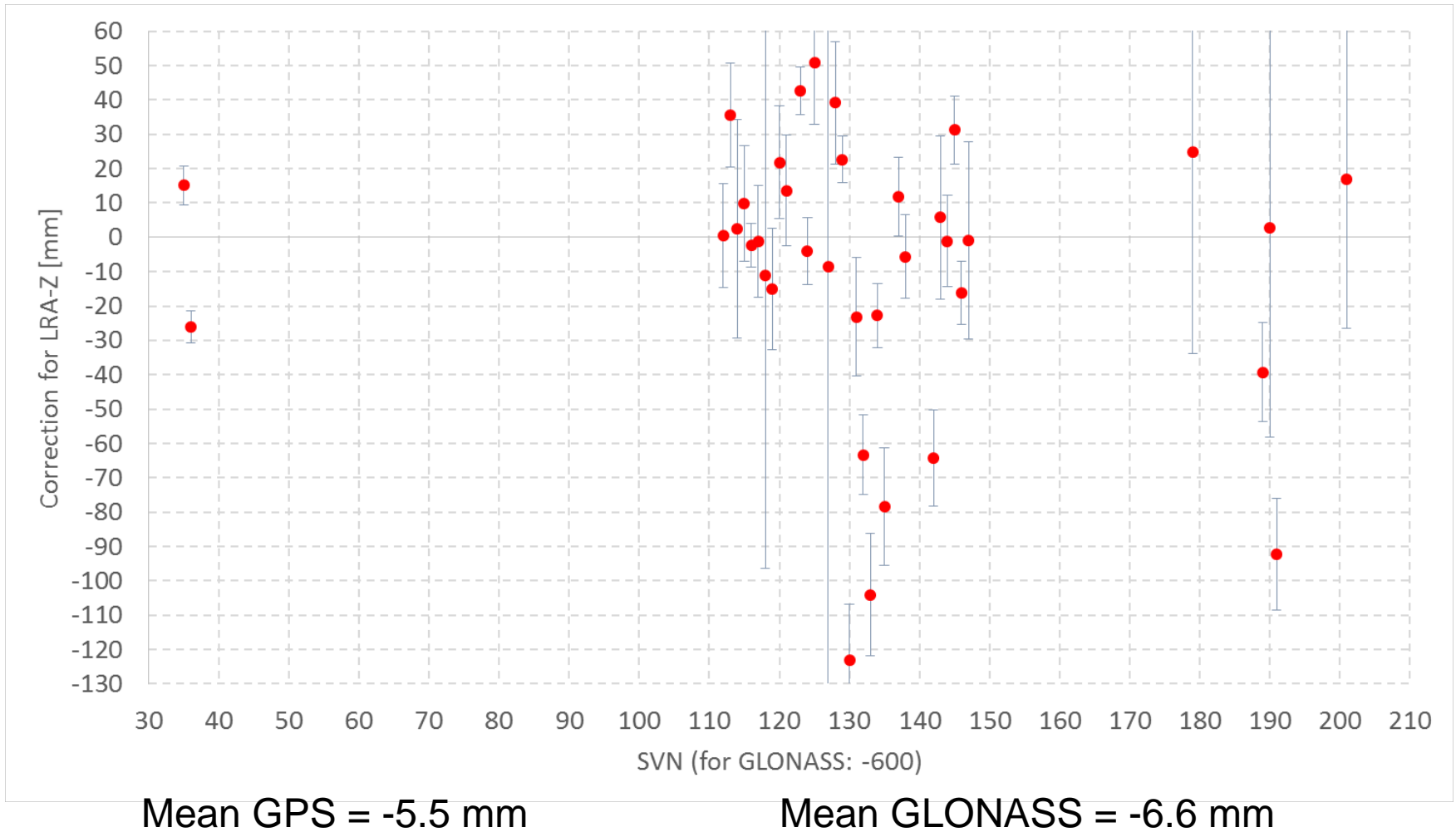
Station 7840



Station 7810



# Laser retro-reflector array offsets



# Summary

- Satellite co-locations provide an additional connection to strengthen inter-technique combination
- More data from space-geodetic stations are included in reference frame computation
- „To Do“ for our contribution to ITRF2013:
  - Generate best-possible multi-year solution
  - Verify Range Biases, SAO and LRA corrections
  - Generate weekly SINEX



# Thank you for your kind attention!

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